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Reflection: “Entrance” Explication

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The poetry explication assignment greatly intimated me. I was nervous to be on my own to analyze an entire poem. However, I challenged myself and selected a poem from the Poetry 180 website that did not have any outside analysis for me to review and look at to get me started.

There are several things I could have done better in my explication. To begin with, I used the same words or phrases like “understand” and “beneath the surface” over and over. If I were to revise this essay I would definitely work harder on varying my word choice. I would also elaborate more in my analysis, and I would try to be less vague in how I present my ideas. Aside from aspects that I am not particularly proud of in this essay, I am pleased with how I embedded and used quotations from the poem. I introduced each quote and fit them nicely into sentences followed by deeper analysis of what each quote meant.

The explication allowed me to learn a lot about myself. I never thought I could successfully analyze a poem by myself and I’m proud to have proved myself wrong. In doing so, I learned that I don’t mind poetry as much as I thought I did because I can actually read in depth now and understand it. The poetry units leading up to the explication assignment greatly helped me and allowed me to work on my own to understand “Entrance.”